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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS WITH PHILIPPINE MUSLIM SECESSIONISTS;

LATDDAL#TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA

REF: MANILA 0107

1. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MELCHOR INFORMED ME JANUARY 9 THAT HE HAD "CLEARED ALL HIS LINES OF COMMUNICATION" WITH INDONESIANS ON QUESTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH MUSLIM SECESSIONISTS. HE HAS EXPLAINED TO INDONESIAN FONMIN MALIK HIS ARRANGEMENTS WITH AL-TOHAMY AND HIS PURPOSES IN VISITING JIDDA. HE HAD ALSO EXPLAINED TO INDONESIAN INTELLIGENCE OPERATOR BENNIE MOERDANI THAT THIS VISIT WAS IN NO WAY DESIGNED EXCLUDE CONTINUING INDONESIAN EFFORT WITH MALAYSIANS.

2. CONSEQUENTLY, MELCHOR IS PLANNING DEPART MANILA JANUARY 14 IN ORDER BE AVAILABLE IN JIDDA FOR

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MEETING BEGINNING JANUARY 15. ALTHOUGH HE PERSONALLY

DECLINES TO STATE WITH ASSURANCE THAT HIS INTERLOCUTOR  
WILL BE NUR MISUARI, HE DOES EXPECT TO MEET WITH  
AUTHORIZED LEADER OF MNLF.

3. ADDITIONALLY, MELCHOR EXPECTS TO DO SOME BILATERAL  
WORK WITH SAUDIS, INCLUDING KING FAISAL. PHILIPPINES IS  
INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH GAP IN ITS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS  
WITH SAUDI ARABIA (NOW RUNNING WELL OVER \$200 MILLION  
PER YEAR). MELCHOR WILL THEREFORE PRESS SAUDIS TO CONTRACT  
WITH FILIPINO CONCERNS FOR CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISES AND  
SERVICES. (ONE PROPOSAL MENTIONED IS A TURNKEY HOSPITAL  
PROJECT WHICH WOULD INVOLVE NOT ONLY CONSTRUCTION, BUT  
STAFFING AND MANAGEMENT OF MODERN HOSPITAL BY FILIPINO  
MEDICAL PERSONNEL. THERE ARE ALREADY A NUMBER OF SUCH  
PERSONNEL IN SAUDI ARABIA.)

4. IN SHORT, MELCHOR VISIT IS SEEN IN MANILA AS A MAJOR  
STEP IN PHILIPPINE RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND THE  
ARABS. MELCHOR DESCRIBES IT AS A "TIGHTROPE ACT" BECAUSE  
OF CONTINUING PHILIPPINE DESIRE TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY  
RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, AND THE CONTINUING PROBLEM OF  
MILITARY ACTION AGAINST ISLAMIC BRETHREN IN SOUTHERN  
PHILIPPINES.  
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